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Title: ZERO HEADSPACE EXTRACTOR AND
METHOD FOR DETERMINING
PARTITIONING AND CONTAMINANT
RELEASE RATES OF VOLATILE AND
SEMI-VOLATILE COMPOUNDS

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Examiner:
Sines, Brian J.

RESPONSE

Commissioner for Patents
Alexandria, VA 22313-1450

Dear Sir:

This paper is being filed in response to the Office Action mailed 27 October 2005 whereby Claims 1-13, all of the claims pending in the subject application have been rejected. Applicants note that the previously indicated allowability of Claims 2, 3 and 5-13, as well as the final rejection of all previously rejected claims has been withdrawn in view of newly discovered prior art. Applicants

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